



# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### INDIAN COUNTRY SUFFERS LONG WAITS FOR CARE

GREAT FALLS - Don't get sick after June 1. In Indian Country it's a joke, and a sad reality for the 1.9 million patients of the federal Indian Health Service.

### CARRUTHERS GETS ANOTHER QUARTER HORSE WIN

To say Al Carruthers has cornered the market when it comes to winning big quarter horse races during the State Fair meet would be falling a bit short.

### ROCKY BOY CELEBRATION STARTS TUESDAY

The Chippewa Cree tribe celebrates its heritage with a week of activities starting Tuesday, July 31.

### NEW FILM TELLS STORY OF LEWIS, BLACKFEET

CODY - A chance meeting 201 years ago turned into a life-and-death confrontation for a dozen men, but it would come to signal a much broader conflict that changed a way of life forever.

### DEAL WOULD ALLOW SOME BISON TO ROAM

BILLINGS (AP) — Montana officials have reached a tentative deal allowing some bison to roam outside of Yellowstone National Park without fear of slaughter, a potential breakthrough in a decade-long attempt to end the killing of thousands of bison for disease prevention.

### PROJECT TO BRING DOCS TO MONTANA RESERVATIONS

Billings surgeon Joseph Erpelding has ridden a ferry boat equipped with a blood lab up the Amazon in an aid effort through his church, Faith Chapel.

### LIFE OR LIMB: IHS PATIENTS ENDURE LONG, PAINFUL WAITS FOR CARE

Ed Simons was 12 feet up on scaffolding for a bridge construction project when he slipped.

## HOT, DRY WEATHER PROMPTS STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Beginning this week Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area is instituting Stage 2 Fire restrictions throughout the entire park lands. High temperatures and very high to extreme fire danger across Montana and Wyoming has prompted the action by the National Park Service.

## POLSON STUNNED BY TRAGIC SUICIDE OF FORMER MAYOR

POLSON — This community was reeling last Thursday from the shocking news that former Polson Mayor Randy Ingram, 33, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound late Wednesday night (July 18).

## RESERVATION HIT BY UNUSUALLY VIOLENT WINDS

POLSON — The tornadoes are not just in Kansas anymore, so batten down the hatches and hang on.

Although western Montana is not supposed to ever get them, a tornado reportedly touched down about five miles south of Polson at 8 p.m. last Wednesday evening (July 18), packing winds at up to 90 miles per hour.

Two large evergreen trees blew down at the Lakeview Village apartment complex, across highway 93 from Super One in Polson. (Maggie Plummer photo)



## LOCAL TEAM FILMS WILD PEREGRINE FALCON EYRIE

High on a cliff in the Mission Mountains, overlooking the cool waters of Flathead Lake near Bigfork, some scientific history is in the making.